Committee Room, City Hall,
February 27th, 1920.

FIFTH MEETING (Special).

NO. 1 COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Friday February 27th, 1920, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Cunningham (Chairman) Watkinson, Dr. J.C.Wilson, J.Bridge, F.E.Harley and His Worship Mayor Little and Aldermen Moorhead, Ashton and Drake of No. 2 Committee.

166 PUBLIC LIBRARY ESTIMATES.

Mr. F.Landon Public Librarian submitted the estimates of the Public Library Board as printed on page one of estimates. The items of receipts and expenditure are considered separately and information given by Mr. Landon.

Alderman Moorhead moves, and it is adopted, that the estimates as submitted by the public Library Board be approved.

167 SOLDIERS' AID GRANT.

Messrs. Gammage and Rev. H.Ashby address the Committee petitioning for a grant of $3,000.00 to the Soldiers' Aid; the members of the Council had be supplied with monthly reports of the work of the Association; loans had been made Soldiers for their re-establishment; they received $3,920.00 from the Government; asked $3,000.00 from the City; and had received $1,000.00 from the County; they required the increase in grants to enable them to extend their welfare work.

Alderman Watkinson moves, and it is adopted, that the sum of $3,000 be granted to the Soldiers' Aid Association be approved.

168 FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Chief Aitken submits estimates for the Fire Department for the year 1920 as printed on page one of estimates. The items are taken up clause by clause. The item fodder amounting to $1,950.00 is approved. The item stable amounting to $450.00 is approved. The item general amounting to $3,452.42 is approved. The items marked capital is amended by transferring item 10 circuit switch Board for Fire Alarm System $19,000.00, and Motor Combination and Pump $12,000.00 and two horses at $250.00 each $500.00, for consideration with debentures in the City of London Bill.

No.1 Fire Hall as amended amounting to $5,255.30 is adopted, making the total $8,707.50 for capital.

Item fuel and light amounting to $1,652.00 is approved. Item building amounting to $385.00 is approved. Item marked fire alarm is amended by item marked 1200 llbs Sulphate of Copper at .12¢ llb - $144.00, 600 llbs battery zinc at $17.00 per llbs- $102.00, Total - $242.00 is struck out and power for battery $92.00 substituted therefor. Item marked four fire alarm boxes wires and labor for new annexed extensions $1,600.00 is struck out and estimates $756.31 approved.

Item marked salaries is considered.

Chief Aitken submits statements for Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto and Brantford showing salaries paid, viz:-

Item	London	Brantford	Hamilton	Ottawa	Toronto.
Chief's Salary -	$2,500.00	$2,300.00	$2,700.00	$3,300.00	$4,500.00
Asst. Chief's -	1,900.00	1,900.00	(1)1,950.00	1,850.00	3,000.00
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Capt's.Salary -	1,589.00	1,825.00	1,535.00	1,450.00	#1,510.00
Lieut's.Salary -	1,513.77	none	1,504.00	1,350.00	#1,410.
Chauffeur -	1,489.00	none	Firemens	-------	$1,354.
Firemen 1 Yr. -	1,277.50	1,368.75	1,175.00	$0.00	$1,054.
Firemen 2 Yr. -	1,368.75	1,460.00	1,249.00	1,000.00	$1,054.
Firemen 3 Yr. -	1,460.00	1,551.00	1,338.00	1,100.00	$1,154.
Firemen 4 Yr. -	1,460.00	1,642.00	1,467.00	1,200.00	$1,254.
Holidays -	14 days	10 days	14 days	14 days	15 days
Uniforms supplied	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sick Pay -	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
Accident Pay -	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Family Sickness -	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Insurance -	Yes	No	$1,000 (men)	Super-ann.	No
Pension -	Benefit	No	7% men	4% salary	7% & 9½% men
Men's Insurance -	No	No	Yes	No	No

London Firemen asking for an increase of 3½%; 6% for Firemen's Benefit Fund; increase from January 1st; Firemen to be given representation on the Benefit Fund.

The matter is informally discussed and further consideration laid over.

The other items of estimates are laid over.

CITY OF LONDON BILL.

The Chairman points out that the City Solicitor advised him that immediate action must be taken on the City of London Bill matters, or the City will be liable for heavy penalties for delay. The last day for presentation of petitions is the 22nd day of March, and all applications should be advertised six weeks prior to that day.

His Worship the Mayor calls attention to the application of the Y.W.C.A. re grant for new building. The Association were somewhat indefinite as to what they required, depending upon the Council to advise them as to the best thing to do. He suggested that the Council authorize the issue of $100,000.00 debentures by the City, and the Association to give the City a mortgage on their property, and agree to pay sinking fund and interest thereon.

Upon motion it is recommended that application be made in the City of London Bill as suggested by the Mayor.

Alderman Harley moves, and it is adopted, that application be made in the City of London Bill for making date of nomination in the City of London the 17th day instead of the 22nd of December, so that the Council may avail itself of the opportunity of giving Railroad men three days election; if the Government changes the date of the election to one of Mondays in December, this part of the Bill could be dropped.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that application be made in the City of London Bill for permission to submit to a vote of the ratepayers the question of a Commission Form of Government, which will determine the policies and tax rate of the City for all purposes, excepting the Electrical Department of the Public Utilities Commission and the Police Commission.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that application be made in the City of London Bill for power to the Council with the consent of the electors to purchase the London Street Railway Company franchise if a price satisfactory to the Council can be secured, or for the operation of the road on cost principles, subject to a satisfactory agreement between the City and the Company covering the service, provision that the provisions of By-law No. 916 shall not invalid by the proposed agreement, capital expenditure for pavement construction and other matters, and operation generally.

Alderman Wilson moves, and it is adopted, that application be made in the City of London Bill for authority to issue debentures viz:-

(a) For a ten circuit switch board for Fire Alary System $19,000.00
(b) For a motor combination and pump..... 15,000.00
(c) For four fire alarm boxes, wire and labor, for Annexed District. 1,600.00

Upon motion the Committee adjourned to Saturday, the 6th of March, 1920, at 7 p.m.

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Chairman.